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BILL DRAFT 2009-RWz-27 [v.2] (04/08)

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Short Title: Bicycle safety changes.

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Sponsors: Representative Cole.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ENSURE THE SAFE OPERATION OF BICYCLES BEING OPERATED IN
3 GROUPS OF TWO OR MORE ON THE STATE'S STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
6 section to read:

7 "**§ 20-171.3. Operation of bicycles on streets and highways.**

8 Bicyclists riding bicycles upon a street or highway shall not ride more than two abreast,
9 except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Persons riding
10 two abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned
11 roadway, shall ride within a single lane. Persons riding two abreast shall move into a single file
12 formation as quickly as is practicable when being overtaken from the rear by a faster moving
13 vehicle..

14 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2010, and applies to
15 offenses committed on or after that date.